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Compliance Committee

Sixtieth meeting
Geneva, 12–16 March 2018
Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixtieth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, 12 March 2018*

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5. Submissions by Parties concerning their own compliance.
6. Referrals by the secretariat.
7. Requests from the Meeting of the Parties.
8. Requests from Parties for advice or assistance.
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10. Matters arising from the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties, including follow-up on specific cases of non-compliance.
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Compliance Committee under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document, taking into account any points raised for consideration by observers.[1]

2. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Committee

The Committee will be invited to share any information on relevant developments since its previous meeting that are not covered under other agenda items.

3. Matters arising from previous meetings

The Committee will be invited to discuss any other matters arising from its previous meetings that are not covered under other agenda items. In this context, the Committee is expected to discuss the draft revised guide to the Compliance Committee.

4. Submissions by Parties concerning other Parties

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider any submission made by a Party concerning another Party's compliance with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention, as provided for under paragraph 15 of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2/Add.8). In this context, the Committee is expected to continue its deliberations on submission ACCC/S/2015/2 submitted by Lithuania concerning Belarus.

[1] Documentation for the meeting will be made available on a dedicated web page (http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47954).

5. Submissions by Parties concerning their own compliance

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider any submission made by a Party concerning its own compliance with the obligations under the Convention, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, paragraph 16. In this context, the Committee is expected to consider any new information received with regard to submission ACCC/S/2016/3 submitted by Albania.

6. Referrals by the secretariat

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider any referrals made by the secretariat concerning possible non-compliance by individual Parties with their obligations under the Convention, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, paragraph 17.

7. Requests from the Meeting of the Parties

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider any request made by the Meeting of the Parties concerning non-compliance by individual Parties with their obligations under the Convention, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, paragraph 13 (b). In this context, the Committee is expected to consider any new information received with regard to requests ACCC/M/2017/2 concerning Turkmenistan[2] and ACCC/M/2017/3 concerning the European Union.[3]

8. Requests from Parties for advice or assistance

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is expected to consider any requests from individual Parties for advice and assistance regarding the implementation of the Convention, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, paragraphs 13, 36 and 37 (a).

9. Communications from members of the public

In accordance with the relevant procedures, the Committee is mandated to consider communications from the public, as provided for under decision I/7, annex, chapter VI. In this context, the Committee is expected:

(a) To continue its deliberations on communications ACCC/C/2013/90 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), ACCC/C/2013/96 (European Union), ACCC/C/2013/98 (Lithuania), ACCC/C/2014/100 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2014/104 (Netherlands), ACCC/C/2014/105 (Hungary), ACCC/C/2013/106 (Czechia), ACCC/C/2013/107 (Ireland), ACCC/C/2014/112 (Ireland), ACCC/C/2014/113 (Ireland), ACCC/C/2014/119 (Poland), ACCC/C/2014/120 (Slovakia), ACCC/C/2014/121 (European Union), ACCC/C/2014/122 (Spain) and ACCC/C/2014/124 (Netherlands) in closed session with a view to completing the preparation of its draft findings or to finalizing and adopting its findings, as applicable;

(b) To hold hearings to discuss the substance of communications ACCC/C/2015/126 (Poland), ACCC/C/2015/128 (European Union) and ACCC/C/2015/134

[2] See ECE/MP.PP/2017/2/Add.1, decision VI/8, para. 19.

[3] See ECE/MP.PP/2017/2.

(Belgium). In accordance with decision I/7, annex, paragraph 32, the Parties concerned and the communicants are invited to participate in the discussion on the subject matter of the communications;

(c) To consider any new information received with regard to communications ACCC/C/2014/118 (Ukraine), ACCC/C/2015/130 (Italy), ACCC/C/2015/131 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2015/132 (Ireland), ACCC/C/2015/133 (Netherlands), ACCC/C/2015/135 (France), ACCC/C/2016/137 (Germany), ACCC/C/2016/138 (Armenia), ACCC/C/2016/139 (Ireland), ACCC/C/2016/140 (Romania), ACCC/C/2016/141 (Ireland), ACCC/C/2016/142 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2016/143 (Czechia), ACCC/C/2016/144 (Bulgaria), ACCC/C/2017/145 (Belgium), ACCC/C/2017/146 (Poland), ACCC/C/2017/147 (Republic of Moldova), ACCC/C/2017/148 (Greece), ACCC/C/2017/149 (Greece) and ACCC/C/2017/150 (United Kingdom);

(d) To discuss any new communications received before 5 February 2018, in particular with respect to their admissibility and any issues that may need to be raised with the Party concerned or the communicant.

10. Matters arising from the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties, including follow-up on specific cases of non-compliance

The Committee is expected to discuss any progress with regard to implementation of decisions VI/8 and VI/8a–e and g–k of the Meeting of the Parties.

11. Programme of work and calendar of meetings

The Committee is expected to discuss and decide upon its programme of work and to identify dates for its future meetings.

12. Other business

At present the secretariat has no other business to suggest under this agenda item.